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RE: Line item veto of House Bill 1 of the 2017 Second Extraordinary Session

Dear Speaker Barras and President Alario:

Please allow this letter to inform you that I have signed House Bill 1 of the 2017 Second Extraordinary Session. However, I have exercised my line item veto authority granted to me by La. Const. Art. 5, Section (G)(1) to veto two items. These vetoes are explained below:

Veto no. 1 Page 3, line 31, beginning after the word Act through page 4, line 6

This provision attempts to create similar requirements as found in House Bill 132 of the 2017 Regular Session. I have vetoed this provision for the same reasons that I vetoed that bill. In addition, this provision clearly and improperly attempts to establish substantive law in an appropriation bill.

Veto no. 2 Page 12, lines 1-4

This provision, like the one above, improperly creates substantive law in House Bill 1. Further, it prohibits the application of Civil Service rules relating to pay for classified employees of levee districts. The Civil Service compensation redesign proposal which I have signed this week represents a true reform of pay increases for state civil service employees. This provision may cause levee districts to implement pay increases inconsistent with this reform.

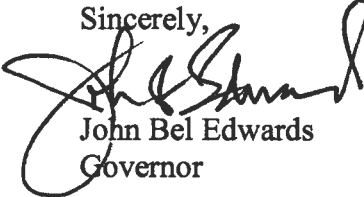
Veto no. 3 Page 68, lines 52-53

This language improperly restricts the ability of the Louisiana Department of Health to handle possible reductions and to properly manage its budgeted appropriation.

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Veto No. 4 Page 68, lines 54-56

This language improperly attempts to restrict non-state entities from reducing reimbursement rates for applied behavioral analysis services to Medicaid enrollees. Any regulation of these managed care organizations is more appropriately handled in contractual language with the Louisiana Department of Health.

Sincerely,

John Bel Edwards
Governor